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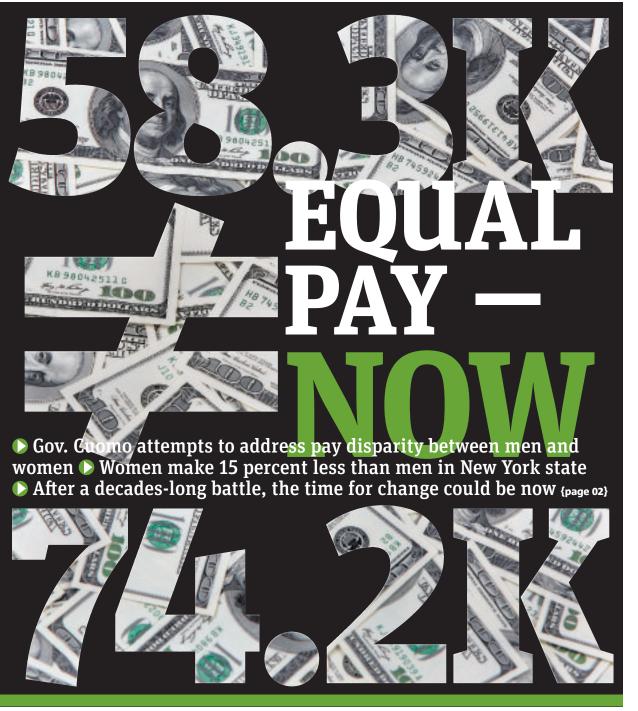


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In the news Rape suspect caught jumping turnstile

A man who reportedly raped a woman last August was arrested Tuesday after a cop caught him jumping a subway turnstile, police said.

Officer Timothy Russo spotted Kenny Campbell, 30, jumping the turnstile at the Archer Avenue station. After arresting him,

After arresting him the officer discovered Campbell was wanted for rape. He was also charged with theft of service. METRO/LS

In the news



Anchorman Morrison quits his job at CBS

Rob Morrison resigned yesterday from WCBS-TV after meeting with the station's management. Police had previously been called about the anchor, who was arrested on charges of choking his wife, according to news reports. WCBS-TV would not comment yesterday.

Equal pay for women battle gains traction in New York

New Yorkers cite it as a top concern for lawmakers to address • Women make 85 percent of their male counterparts • Many reasons given for pay inequality

The decades-long fight for women's equal pay in New York is finally gaining traction, spearheaded by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and his supporters.

Cuomo made women's pay equity one of the 10 goals in the Woman's Equality Act he recently announced — and a new Quinnipiac survey showed many New Yorkers stand with him. Fifty-three percent of those polled said equal pay should be the highest priority for the state Legislature, with 36 percent more saying it should be a high priority.

A report released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in December indicates that in 2011, New York State female full-time salary workers made median weekly earnings of \$760 — or 85 percent — of the \$894 median weekly earnings for male counterparts.

Beverly Neufeld, director of the Equal Pay Coalition NYC, believes now is the time for pay-equity reform.

"There is talk on all state levels about economic security, understanding that women are a driving force in the economy and businesses do better when they have routine loyal and committed workers," Neufeld said.

Elizabeth Mason, an employment lawyer in Manhattan, represents a



\$74,215

Average salary for a man in New York City, according to PayScale.com, which collects salary info

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Average salary for a female in New York City

client who was overlooked for a promotion. Although she had as many work responsibilities and was more educated than her male co-worker, she made less money.

"It was very clear from the supervisor's comments, and even the male individual, that she was not being treated equally and fairly because of her gender," Mason said.

Women's-rights experts give a range of reasons for why women aren't paid the same as men, including the fact that historically men have made more, whether they take time off to raise a family, and whether women are less likely to ask for a raise.

Linda Hartley, 58, vice president of New York Women's Agenda, who works full time as the president of Hartley Consulting, said her experiences with pay inequity informed her women's rights work today. "This isn't something we should be talking about anymore," she said. "We should be done. Move on. There are other things that deserve our attention."

Sonia Ossorio, president of the National Organization for Women New York City, said she thinks Cuomo can make equal pay a reality.

"There are certainly very strong players in the business community that can lobby against these basic inequity reforms and there has been a lack of political wealth to fix this problem," Ossorio said. "Our current governor appears to be making up a lot of that. If we want to see our daughters earn their fair share, we need to act now. We need to do it or we're going to see another generation being under-





Other pressures women face

Fighting for equal pay isn't the only challenge women face. For example, women must navigate their career when they are pregnant. A pregnancy itself can imperil a job, as employers may be hesitant to hire a woman soon having a child. After a child is born, it is often women who must organize maternity leave — although men might struggle to take time off after having a baby, mothers face a physical recovery as well. In the U.S., new parents are guaranteed up to 12 weeks off, but that does not always include pay. Additionally, the U.S. is alongside countries like Swaziland that do not mandate paid maternity leave. And with child care in New York so costly, many mothers feel pressured to return to work quickly. METRO/AB

Bronx pol pushes for gun crime registry

A Bronx politician is pushing for a registry that would track criminals much as the state's sex offender registry tracks offenders.

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. made the suggestion in his State of the Borough address yesterday.

"Law-abiding citizens ought to know who among us is responsible for gun vi-

olence," Diaz said. He proposed an online registry featuring criminals convicted of crimes involving a gun. They would have to update the police about where they live and work, and they'd stay on the registry for 10 years.

Criminals would also need to have their photograph taken every three years at a police agency.

Failure to do any of these would be a felony under his proposal.

Diaz said he would lobby state legislators to build

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"Law-abiding citizens ought to know who among us is responsible for gun violence."

the legislation.

He joins Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has been an aggressive advocate for getting illegal guns off the



streets.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo also pushed for gun legislation that closes loopholes in New York's state laws, already among some of the most stringent in the nation. State lawmakers passed his proposals in January. • METRO/AB



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Developer seeks dismissal of airline's WTC defense

The leaseholder of the World Trade Center properties is asking a U.S. federal judge to reject arguments that American Airlines is not liable for damages stemming from the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackings because the attacks were an act of war.

Larry Silverstein filed court papers yesterday asking U.S. District Judge Alvin Hellerstein Manhattan to dismiss that line of defense by the airline and its parent, AMR Corp., in his negligence lawsuit against them.

Silverstein has sought to hold American and United Airlines, now Continental United Holdings Inc., responsible for damages from the 2001 attacks for allegedly failing to provide adequate airport and airline securi-

The request comes ahead of a ruling by the



The judge separately has capped potential damages in Silverstein's case against the airlines at \$2.8 billion, the amount that the developer paid for the World Trade Center leases. Silverstein already has recovered \$4 billion from his insurers.

judge in a separate case to determine whether an "act of war" clause of a federal statute provides a defense to liability claims. If Hellerstein were to rule that defense applied, it po-tentially could bolster the airlines' defense.

The case is one of the few remaining lawsuits from the Sept. 11 attacks. Hellerstein has presided over most of them.

As part of the Sept. 11 litigation, Hellerstein in November found that Continental Holdings was not liable for the collapse of 7 World Trade Center because of airport security lapses.

On Feb. 11, the appeals court suggested it might take up the case again if Hellerstein has not issued a decision in 30 days.

Attorneys for Silverand American Airlines declined to comment RELITERS

Cemetery theft suspect arrested

A homeless man accused of stealing expensive metal fixtures from a Bronx cemetery was arrested Tuesday night.

Louis Peduto, 56, re-

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moved brass door handles and air vents Raymond's Cemetery at 1201 Balcom

Ave. on Monday morning, police said. After being confronted by a security guard, Peduto fled without the items, police added.

The suspect had ripped

off more than \$160,000 worth of fixtures from more than 60 mausoleums over the course of the weekend and Monday, the New York Post reports.

Police released a photo of Peduto on Tuesday afternoon. He was arrested later when police saw him during a patrol inside 3178 E. Tremont Ave.

Charges include grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, possession of burglar tools and possession of a controlled substance.

METRO/LS



School-bus drivers were back on the road yesterday. after a monthlong strike. Bus drivers and matrons, who are represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1181, serve more than 150,000 children. The workers ended the strike despite winning no concessions from the Bloomberg administration. They decided to wait to bargain with the new mayor after the November election.

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In the news

Possible suicide at Gansevoort

A 32-year-old man was found dead at the Gansevoort Hotel on Tuesday afternoon, police said.

The man was found in room 319, according to a



law enforcement source. Empty pill bottles and bottles of alcohol were reportedly found near the body.

A suicide note was also found in the room, the source said. METRO/DT

Man shot in head in Canarsie

A man died of gunshot wounds yesterday

morning in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Canarsie, police reported. The victim was found around 6 a.m. at the intersection of Flatlands Avenue and East 108 Street, with a gunshot to the head, police said.

Emergency medical personnel who responded to the scene pronounced the victim dead on arrival. The investigation is ongoing. • METRO/EC

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Cops: iPhone thief messaged his victim

Police are looking for a suspect who took an iPhone from a 15-year-old, then taunted the teen on Facebook. According to police, on Jan. 26 around 5 p.m., two suspects approached the teenager, who was exiting a bus at



the corner of Grand Concourse and East 175th Street in the Bronx. One suspect demanded the teen's phone, while the other displayed a knife

According to a law enforcement source, one suspect sent the victim a message on Facebook asking how it felt not to have his phone. That suspect is described as male, Hispanic, 17, 5-foot-7 and 150 pounds.

Police released his photo. The second suspect is described as a male Hispanic teenager. Anyone with information should call 800-577-TIPS. METRO/AB

Crown Heights man killed

A man died of gunshot inside a vehicle in Crown
Heights yesterday, police
said. The man was found in
the driver's seat with a gunshot to the head while a
woman was grazed by a
bullet, police said.

METRO/EC

Thieves prey on D line passengers

Police are searching for two men involved in a series of violent robberies at a Bronx subway station. The suspects are part of a group that police estimate includes as many as eight people. The first robbery occurred on Dec. 26, 2012, when a man, 37, was swiping his MetroCard at the D line station at Grand Concourse and East 175 Street. A man grabbed him while two others punched him and stole his phone.

On Jan. 10, another man, 32, was walking to the southbound platform of the same station when the same assailant punched him in the face. Two accomplices punched the man and stole personal property from him.

On Jan. 19, seven men, including the first suspect, surrounded a woman, 23. The first suspect snatched



her phone and punched her in the face.

Police described the first suspect as 17 to 20 years old, 5-foot-9 and weighing 160 pounds. He was seen wearing loose jeans as well as a denim jacket and a red ski hat. The second suspect is 20 to 25 years old, close to 6 feet tall and medium build.

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News in brief

Baby dies after radiator burns

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS. A baby died on Monday when she got too close to a radiator. The 1-year-old child was burnt in an uptown apartment early yesterday morning. The Daily News reports she fell off of a bed and was wedged between the bed and the radiator, where she was burned on her legs. She was already in cardiac arrest when responders arrived and was pronounced dead at the hospital, according to the New York Post. METROB/AB



Confusion at parking meters

City Councilman Vincent Gentile of Brooklyn is calling for the suspension of parking-meter rules when alternate-side parking is not in effect, the New York Post reported. Citing confusion by drivers ticketed on President's Day, Gentile reinforced the bill he introduced to the City Council last year, which said drivers should not have to pay for parking on holidays when alternate-side parking rules are not in USE.

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In the news



Twitter using advertising software

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The application program-ming interface, or API, would allow advertisers to connect their existing ad management software to their Twitter account to automate ads on the micro-messaging platform.

"With the Ads API, marketers now have more tools in their arsenal to help them deliver the

right message, to the right audience, on the desktop and on mobile devices - all at scale." Twitter product manager April Underwood wrote in a blog post. **REUTERS**

China rejects US hacking claims

BEIJING. Accusations by a U.S. computer security company that a secretive Chinese military unit is likely behind a series of hacking attacks are scientifically flawed and hence unreliable, China's Defense Ministry said yesterday.

The statement came after the White House said overnight that the Obama administration has repeatedly taken up its concerns about cyber theft at the highest levels of the Chinese government.

The security company, Mandiant, identified the People's Liberation Army's Shanghai-based Unit 61398 as the most likely driving force behind the hacking. REUTERS

Defense lands blows on murder case against 'Blade Runner'

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A witness heard "nonstop shouting" in the home of South African athletics star Oscar Pistorius shortly before his girlfriend was shot dead, the detective leading the murder investigation said yesterday.

Warrant officer Hilton Botha, a detective with 24 years on the force, also told the Pretoria magistrates court in a bail hearing that police had found two containers of testosterone and needles in Pistorius' bedroom.

The athlete's defense team, which said the containers held an herbal remedy taken legally by many athletes, landed some blows to Botha's portrayal of a cold-blooded killing and described inconsistencies and errors in the initial investigation.

Reeva Steenkamp, 29, was in the toilet of the athlete's home when she was shot dead in the early hours of Feb. 14



Valentine's Day. She was hit in the head, arm and

"One of our witnesses heard a fight, two people talking loudly at each other ... from 2 in the morning to 3," Botha told the court. Pistorius' first call after the incident was to the manager of his high-security complex at 3:19 a.m., Botha said.

In an affidavit delivered on Tuesday, Pistorius said he woke in the middle of the night and thought an intruder had climbed through his bathroom window and entered the adjoining toilet.

The 26-year-old said he grabbed a 9mm pistol from under his bed and went into the bathroom. REIITERS

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Botha, who arrived on the scene an hour after the shooting, challenged Pistorius' affidavit.

"I believe he knew she was in the bathroom and he shot four shots through the door," the detective said, adding that the angle at which the rounds were fired suggested they were aimed at somebody on the toilet.

Pistorius had said he moved into the bathroom on his stumps — the reason he felt so vulnerable — but Botha said the shots went in a "top to bottom" trajectory, suggesting Pistorius was wearing his artificial legs when he pulled the trigger.

"It seems to me it was fired down," he said.

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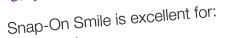
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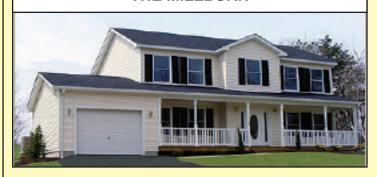


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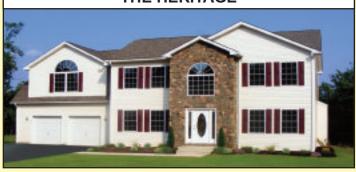
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Early start for Vatican; two pols in trouble



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Court savs no to immigrants with guilty pleas

The U.S. Supreme Court declined yesterday to apply retroactively a 2010 ruling that requires lawyers to tell immigrant clients that they can be deported if they plead guilty to certain crimes.

The 7-2 decision was a defeat for thousands of immigrants who might have been able to withdraw guilty pleas in cases alleging ineffective counsel.

These cases predated

Early voting Pope could change vote rules

Pope Benedict may change rules governing the conclave that will secretly elect his successor, a move that could move up the global meeting of cardinals who are already in touch about who could best lead Catholics through a period of crisis. The Vatican appears to be aiming to have a new pope elected and then formally installed before Palm Sunday on March 24 so he can preside at Holy Week services leading to Easter. The rule changes could mean that the conclave, might be able



March 15. which is currently the earliest it can begin. REUTERS

Bad public servant

Jackson Jr. admits funds misuse

Former congressman Jesse Jackson Jr., the son of a civil rights leader and a onetime rising star in Democratic politics, pleaded guilty yesterday to misusing about \$750,000 in campaign money.

Jackson, 47, of Chicago, wept quietly as he entered the plea in U.S. District Court in Washington, where Judge Robert Wilkins accepted the plea.

'Guilty, your honor. I misled the American people," Jackson said after the judge asked his plea. REUTERS

... make that two? Ex mayor to plead not guilty

Former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, the brash spokesman for the city inundated by Hurricane Katrina, was expected to plead not quilty in federal court yesterday to charges that he accepted kickbacks in exchange for city contracts. It will be Nagin's first appearance in court — and the first in the city he led for eight years — since a federal grand jury handed down a 21-count public corruption indictment. The charges include bribery, wire fraud, filing false tax returns, conspiracy and money laundering. REUTERS



The French affliction

US boss: French are idle workers

The CEO of a U.S. tire maker has delivered a crushing summary of how some outsiders view France's work ethic in a letter saving he would have to be stupid to take over a factory. Titan International's Maurice Taylor told the left-wing French industry minister in a letter published by media yesterday that he had no interest in rescuing a plant

set for closure. "The French workforce gets paid high wages but works only three hours. They get one hour for breaks and lunch, talk for three and work for three." Taylor wrote on Feb. 8 in the letter to the minister. REUTERS

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Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip **@dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us**

MAC Cosmetics has signed a major deal with Rihanna.

MAC and Rihanna team up

Face it: This is Rihanna's moment. The pop star dazzled in Azzedine Alaia at the Grammys, made headlines with her controversial date, Chris Brown and launched her first collection with UK high street retailer River Island during London Fashion Week. And yesterday — on her 25th birthday, no less — it was announced that she's teaming up with MAC Cosmetics on four collections that will hit stores later this year. It's the first time the cosmetics giant will collaborate with one celebrity on multiple lines.

According to an interview with WWD, the first product will be RiRi Woo, a lipstick inspired by MAC's best-selling red, Ruby Woo,

Rihanna's favorite.

So how does the pop star feel about all the multitasking?

"Being creative is something that I love, so I can put that into different outlets. Music happens to be the first thing that I gravitated to, and now music opens doors to just so many different opportunities — they all tie in," she says. "My makeup looks, my fashion looks ... they help me to express myself as an artist. I think it helps people to understand me or my mood, my story."

Did you hear that? Apply RiRi Woo and apparently you'll understand why she's still with Chris

-Reporting by Tina Chadha



Simpson names second baby before birth

Jessica Simpson and fiance Eric Johnson have decided on a name for their fetus. "[She's] told people she's going to name the baby Ace!" a source told Us Weekly.

How Johnson and Simpson decided on the name of their 10-monthold daughter, **Maxwell** Drew, is no secret -Maxwell is Johnson's middle name and Drew is Simpson's mother Tina's maiden name but no one knows how the couple decided on

I like Ace, but with his last name? Not so much. "Ace Johnson" sounds like what a dude would name his penis.

Julie Andrews dammit. You just made my lullabies

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Hard" said the man who fell off a motorfire for a photo posted on cycle and really hurt Instagram of someone who may or may not be the former Disney star smoking a obscure most of the person's face, there is a tatthat matches on of Cyrus'. The name of the Instagram essarily deny that it's her in the photo, writing on Twitter only that "I don't



Spears is lip-syncing all over the place

Britney Spears is no stranger to charges that she lip-syncs during concerts and awards show performances, but now the former "X Factor" judge is accused of lip-syncing in the recording studio, according to Star magazine. "My daughter sings for Britney Spears, Murray Langston tells the magazine, claiming that his daughter, Myah Marie, sang seven songs for Spears on her "Femme Fatale" album — and was only paid \$1,000 per sona.

Kunis is down for a 'That 70s Show' reunion

If Mila Kunis' current relationship with Ashton Kutcher didn't make it clear enough, the actress says that yes, she is up for a fullon "That 70s Show" reunion. "I'm more than game for it." she tells E! News. "I've said it before, I would love to do it. Why not? I loved it. It was eight years and they were eight amazing years of my

Baldwin doesn't spew racial epithets

Alec Baldwin is vehemently denying allegations that he peppered a paparazzo with racial epithets during a heated exchange outside his Manhattan apartment, according to E! News. A photographer working for the New York Post claims that Baldwin called him "a crackhead," "a coon" and "a drug dealer" during the altercation. "The claim of racist remarks is one of the most outrageous things I've heard in my life," Baldwin says.

Talking points

Was that Cyrus good stuff?

Miley Cyrus is coming under joint. While smoke and glare too on a finger in the picture account, by the way, is Amileyxxcyrus. Cyrus didn't nechave an Instagram."

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Across the pond at the Brit Awards

1: Taylor Swift showed some leg in her dress at yesterday's

2: A very shiny Rita Ora posed on the red carpet.

3: Mitch Winehouse paid tribute to daughter Amy with this special shirt.

4: Fordham pride! Former Bronx girl Lana Del Ray (nee Lizzie Grant) dressed a little more casually than her peers for the

5: We're liking this whole slick back hair thing Justin Timberlake has had going on lately.

6: The One Direction boys are so damn pretty.

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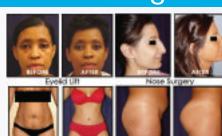
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London FW diary

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There was a real buzz at Somerset House pre-Osman — call it the Beyonce effect. She wore one of the designer's blackand-white jumpsuits to the Grammys just a couple of weeks ago. He's not a red carpet designer, so to speak, and the minimalist, fluid silhouettes of this collection certainly aren't going to change that. Loose trousers, a gray asymmetric wool dress with a pleated hem and a cashmere coat will all sell well, but it would have been nice to see a little more drama than a few brocade, lurex and gossamer lace pieces.

RICHARD PECKETT

TUESDAY, FEB 19

5 p.m.

In a lot of ways **Edward** Meadham and Benjamin Kirchhoff aptly represent what we look to London



Fashion Week for: wild eccentricity and creative risk. So it's fitting that their artful work kind of served as a parting note for England's shows. This wasn't exactly the place to go for wearable, commercial clothes. The collection was dense with challenging shapes (who can pull off those ruffled vinyl trousers?) and ideas (those strong Edwardian, Vatican and Medieval references) that wouldn't translate easily to a morning train commute to work or even the average special occasion. Instead, their work pointedly reminded us that in an era where fashion is overrun with disposable images of unbridled consumption, it can still reach the creative heights of fine art. I love my fast trends as much as anyone, but it's those increasingly rare moments when a collection makes you pause and think about a subject differently in the same way that a painting or work of creative writing would that fashion is at its best.

KENYA HUNT



Street style by Michelle Bobb-Parris



Meet the designer

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Reasons to see a movie

Must-see

- "Snitch" The Rock
 sorry: Dwayne
 Johnson plays a
 regular(ish) father trying to take down a
 fearsome cartel after
 his son is busted by
 the DEA. The screenplay co-written by
 Justin Haythe of
 "Revolutionary Road,"
 natch is based on a
 true story and no
 doubt closely adheres
 to truth.
- 2"Dark Skies" Keri Russell becomes the latest talented thespian caught in the grind of the horror machine, playing a mom fending off aliens. "Skies" is directed by Scott Stewart, who is taking a break from religious blockbusters starring real-life atheist Paul Bettany ("Legion," "Priest").
- "Inescapable" Director Ruba Nadda, of the lovely middle-aged romance "Cairo Time," tries her hand at a political thriller, with "Time" star Alexander Siddig as a former Syrian officer who hunts down his missing daughter. Also starring Marisa Tomei and Joshua Jackson.
- **"11 Flowers"** Wang Xiaoshuai ("Beijing Bicycle") helms this look at China's Cultural Revolution of the '60s and '70s, centered on a workingclass boy who runs afoul of a young fugitive wanted for murder.
- 5"A Good Day to Die Hard" No one (read: critics) much likes the

fourth "Die Hard" sequel, but it made a pretty (but not great) penny this weekend, therefore it's fine. Bruce Willis, 57, battles Russians. Wait, Russians? What century is this?

"Safe Haven" The latest Nicholas Sparks adaptation is a soapy romance and also, believe it or not, a thriller, which makes us perversely intrigued. It stars Julianne Hough, Josh Duhamel and lessons on what love really is.

7"Beautiful Creatures"With no more "Twilight" entries (allegedly), a giant hole exists for nakedly sincere supernatural looks at "young adults" engaged in purely nonsexual amour. So, good job, America, on completely ignoring the one that happens to feature Emma Thompson

and Jeremy Irons.

"Escape From Planet
Earth" The source of
headache-inducing legal
battles since 2007 finally
opens, in some kind of presumably viewable shape.
Brendan Fraser, Rob
Corddry and Jessica Alba
give voice to blue aliens,
one of whom is
sequestered in Area 51,
which totally exists.

"No" In Pablo Larraín's rollicking docu-dramedy, Gael Garcia Bernal plays an ad whiz hired by the campaign to oust monstrous Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet from power. Spoiler: It worked!

10 "Like Someone in Love" Iranian filmmaker Abbas Kiarostami ("Certified Copy") journeys to Tokyo to make this alternately amusing and disconcerting portrait of miscommunication amongst a young prostitute, an aging john and her oblivious boyfriend.

• MATT PRIGGE

TV watch list

'Parks and Recreation'

COMEDY. This special hourlong episode is a can't-miss for any "Parks and Rec" fan. Leslie and Ben are getting married after Ben's surprise proposal last week. The couple are left with two

hours to plan the entire wedding, and we're just certain everything will go off without a hitch. Can Donna please officiate? 8:30 p.m., NBC

'For What It's Worth'

REALITY. Calling all pop culture aficionados — this one's for you. Hosts Gary Dell'Abate and Jon Hein explore some of the greatest

collections of entertainment memorabilia in the world, including a vault of celebrity hair (strange) and an inside look at Jack White's Third Man Records vinyl collection (awesome). 10 p.m., Series premiere, VH1 Classic

'Upload With Shaquille O'Neal'

TALK SHOW. The basketball star gets his own show, co-

hosted by Godfrey and Gary Owen, that pays heed to the Internet's funniest videos of the moment. The hosts will also attempt to create their own viral videos, play pranks and poke fun at pop culture's latest fads. We're a little skeptical, but Shaq recently earned his doctorate, so we expect the show will abound with high intellect. 10:30 p.m., Series premiere, truTV

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◆ Alex Karpovsky of 'Girls' talks about the two new films he's directed, loneliness and being attracted to stories of misfortune

est known for his role as Ray Ploshansky HBO's "Girls," indie filmmaker Alex Karpovsky helmed both films of a double feature slated for a limited release at Lincoln this Karpovsky wrote, directed and stars in both "Red Flag" and "Rubberneck." "Red Flag" tells the story of a filmmaker on a lonely road-trip, and "Rubberneck" centers on

an introverted scientist whose infatuation with a co-worker turns into obsession. Karpovsky spoke with us about what draws him into a story, getting into character and what loneliness does to his

You tend to play characters at crossroads in their lives. They're living through difficult times, jilted in love — is this something you seek out?

some extent. "Rubberneck," "Red Flag" and "Girls" are largely character-driven. I think stories of people in transition are naturally interesting. That's where all the juicy stuff is.

And you're specifically interested in loneliness?

Lonely people searching for a cure for their loneliness. No matter how misguided or tortured or perverse that search might

Would you say that you're a romantic? I think a lot of people would say that the Ray and Shoshanna arc is

their favorite in "Girls." I like to think I'm interest-

What do you like best about the filmmaking process?

The variety. Writing is usually a solitary thing, so I start itching for collaboration. Production is more of a circus. With editing, it's back to a sort of solitary state. I don't know how writers don't get paralyzed by loneliness. I couldn't do it.

"In 'Girls,' I try to understand what they want from me, and it's usually something that I have a lot of fun doing. In my own projects, I tend toward stories driven by misfortune."

KARPOVSKY

"Girls," I try to understand what they want from me, and it's usually something that I have a lot of fun doing. In my own projects, I tend toward stories driven by misfortune. I'm not particularly engaged by watching people be showered in fortune and blessings. It doesn't create a

forum for conflict. **Creative loneliness** inspired "Red Flag." Are you glad to be out of that part of your life?

I do a lot of things as part of a negotiation with loneliness. I wrote "Red Flag" by myself, but the writing process wasn't that long, so I didn't have time for the suicidal thoughts to really solidify.

Can you tell us anything about your next project?

I'm starting to collaborate with people on it, which is making it bearable. It's something I want to shoot in Mexico. We went down there in December to do some location scouting, and hopefully it should come out at some point in the future.

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'Night Visions' and 'hooky music'

Imagine Dragons singer says his top influences include the forefathers of pop rock and his own father • But don't call them an overnight success • 'We've definitely worked out way up'

singer for Imagine Dragons, quotes some decidedly odd influences. Odd because the band's debut, "Night Visions," is packed with emotional and confessional lyrics, catchy hooks and anthemic choruses that suggest a diet of Muse and Coldplay. But he says it goes a bit further back, to two other groups from England.

"We all grew up listening to the Beatles and the Rolling Stones and studied their work," says the Las Vegas native.

"I don't know where it comes from, really," he continues. "We wrote 150 demos for this album and narrowed it down to 100. then down to 50, and then down to 20. We really wanted the album to be a cohesive body of work. We



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wanted each song to flow into the next with a general theme. I can't say why it's hooky. Maybe we like hooky music."

Perhaps the post-emo thrust of "Night Visions" is the result of condensing pent-up emotions and three years of writing into one record. Maybe, for Reynolds, it goes back even further.

"I've always written," he says. "It was always a bit of a journal for me. I would never show anyone the songs but my dad. I always wanted to see what he thought. My dad was one of my biggest influences -[as was] the music he liked, whether it was Paul Simon, Billy Joel or the Beach Boys. I always wanted to impress my dad."

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"We really wanted the album to be a cohesive body of work. We wanted each song to flow into the next with a general theme." REYNOLDS

So, does dad approve? "He is just the biggest fan," Reynolds says. "That, to me, is everything. I've always written for myself, but, growing up, there was nothing that made me happier than when my dad was proud of something I



Dragons pay their dues

Imagine Dragons' success places them on their first-ever headlining North American tour this winter, and they'll be playing larger venues than most rookie bands. Before anyone scoffs about "overnight success," Reynolds says Imagine Dragons paid their dues.

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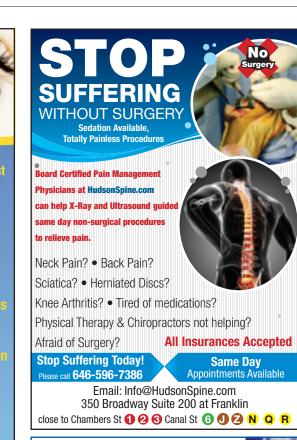




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In defense of the short, the skinny and the small

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It may not be something that's topof-mind, or something that guys often complain about out loud, but they too feel objectified and, as a result, insecure about their bodies. Many

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guys who are short feel disqualified by girls before they even have a chance to prove themselves. A short guy complained to me over the weekend: "It's not fair. Can't this -[Motions around face] " and this — " [Motions around bulky chest and arms] " — be enough?"

Other guys worry about being too skinny. As one of my clients confessed, "I'm always worried about girls not being into me because of how skinny I am. I don't know if they see me as manly." On the other end of the spectrum are guys

who can (and perhaps have) gained a few pounds. They make great efforts to watch what they eat and count calories, and feel guilty after eating unhealthy. And since they're guys, often they don't feel comfortable expressing these concerns.

e may assume that body con-cerns are "a girl thing." Maybe because of this we feel justified gossiping about how much heat a guy is packing or not to responding to online dating messages from guys who aren't "tall enough." But not only are we hurting guys' feelings when we do this, we're limiting our dating pool based on completely shallow criteria — criteria that makes us cringe when the situation is reversed.

If we don't want guvs judging us by the numbers (height, weight, bra size), then we shouldn't be judging them based on those things either. I'm not suggesting dating someone you're not at-tracted to, but I am urging you not to disqualify people based on shallow criteria before taking the time to see whether you could be attracted to them or not.

- Amber Madison is a Manhattan-based relationship expert and dating coach. She is the author of "Are All Guys Assholes?" for which she traveled the country, spoke to over 1,000 men and discovered that the answer is no. You can follow her on Twitter @ambermadi or online at www.ambermadisononline.com

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Letters

Think of the children, but feel sorry for the dog

RE: "ARE PEOPLE MORE UP-SET OVER MINDY MCCREADY'S DOG THAN HER CHILDREN?" (METRO. FEB. 19) Well, yes - she killed her dog, not her chil-dren. If she had killed children and left her dog behind, I'm sure the focus of the tragedy would then have been on the human victims. Besides, I imagine most people suspect the children will be less scarred without her ROLLIE HATCH, VIA E-MAIL

If anybody else is equally sickened by the unspeakable act that Mindy McCready did to the family dog before she killed herself, then he or she should do something. It is too late for that pet but if you were planning on buying a dog, cat, ferret or bird, why not adopt a homeless pet instead? If you cannot do so, then consider making a donation to an animal shelter, preferably a no-kill one. Short on cash? Why not, just for once, instead of going out on a Friday night for dinner and drinks, stay in and donate the savings to an animal

GEORG DEYAB, VIA E-MAIL

Written word is like a window to the past

RE: "SOME NOTIONS SHOULD GO THE WAY OF CHIVALRY" (METRO, FEB. 19) Obviously letter writer Alan Brown missed the point that article was trying to make, judging by the first-person narrative response submitted. I see and get you points, but I also understood the point to the original article. I guess you never had the pleasure of reading a letter from a relative who passed long before you were born. It's a unique window into past lives, one you wouldn't be able to peer into without those yellowed pieces of paper. TOM MCGRAW, VIA E-MAIL

Violence should be last resort

Automatic federal spending cuts loom on March 1, which would include the Pentagon. We could dramatically cut the military budget and the nation would be safer if we began to rely on smarter ways of achieving national security. Gandhi and Martin Luther King successfully used nonviolent methods in their struggles. An architect of the Arab Spring, Gene Sharp, has written extensively on nonviolently achieving national security. PAUL EMILE ANDERS. VIA E-MAIL

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Brrrrr-ing on these cold-weather comfort foods

If there were dog days of wintertime, they would be now Until spring rolls around, we'll need a little sustenance to keep us going

Magnolia's

If you go

banana pudding

As for dessert

- Known to comfort people all year round, **Magnolia** Bakery's banana pudding is a sweet, traditional favorite, with layers of vanilla wafers, fresh bananas and creamy vanilla pudding. 12 oz. (\$5), 16 oz. (\$6.50), single bowl (\$35), double bowl (\$60). Multiple locations, www.magnolia bakery.com
- Combining the best of breakfast and dessert, the French Toast Bread Pudding at **Abe & Arthur's** (\$12) is made with brioche, caramelized pecans, custard and bourbon-maple syrup. It's topped with butter pecan ice cream. **409 W. 14th** St., 646-289-3930.

Get down to the **Gnudi gritty**

A mainstay on the menu, April Bloomfield's sheep's milk ricotta anudi (\$16) is topped with brown butter and crispy sage — at once light, fluffy, creamy and rich. The Spotted Pig, 314 W. 11th St., 212-620-0393



Warm up in the West Village with Chef Thibault Delepinay's Duck & Foie Gras Shepherd's Pie, his interpretation of a "peasant" food. Duck confit and foie gras are topped with homemade mashed potatoes, served hot





Say cheese

Iron Chef Alex Guaraschelli's take on macaroni and cheese involves three cheeses — Gruvere. Parmesan and Cheddar —

combined with elbow macaroni, dijon mustard, and topped off with bread crumbs (\$12). The Darby, 244 W. 14th St., 212-242-4411

from the oven in a cast-iron

skillet (\$15). L'Amant, 235 W. 12th St., 646-476-8731

Not unlike the aforemen-

tioned gnudi, Michael Psilakis' sheep's milk dumplings are little pillows of ricotta cheese, similar in texture to the Italian version.



New takes on fries

► **Almond** serves their cheese fries three ways: the "Americaine" frites are topped with New York state farmhouse cheddar, the "Italienne" come with fontina, fonduta and chives, and the "Quebecoise" is loaded with melted cheese curds, truffle oil, house-cured bacon lardons and scallions. (\$7-\$8). Available at dinner only. 12 E. 22nd St., 212-228-7557

▶ **Sotto 13**'s fries come in chickpea form, made from toasted garbanzo beans, shaped into french fry fritters, fried up and served with homemade sun-dried tomato pesto (\$6). 140 W. 13th St., 212-647-1001

Trust **David Burke** to take French fries to a whole new level. On the menu: smoked beef fat and jalapeno fries (\$6). 23 Grand St., 212-201-9119

but his interpretation is decidedly Greek. Topped with a sauce of spicy Greek Loukanika sausage, tomato and pine nuts, the dumplings are topped with crumbled feta cheese, a drizzle of olive oil and sprinkle of pine nuts (\$13.50). Kefi, 505 Columbus Ave., 212-873-0200

Missing your Bubbe? Look no further than Kutsher's for Mrs. K's Matzo Ball Soup. Available year-round, it's a chicken soup with a little schmaltz, spaetzle noodles, carrots, celery and dill, as well as airy yet dense matzo balls. (\$12 at lunch, \$14 at dinner and \$16 for a to-go quart). Kutsher's Tribeca.

186 Franklin St., 212-431-

A little sweet and a little savory, Little Muenster's Apple Pie Grilled Cheese (\$8) is made with salted apples, brown butter, cinnamon, sugar and 1841 Havarti from Calkins Creamery in Pennsylvania. Multiple locations, www.little muenster.com

At Tribeca's The Harrison, Jimmy Bradley offers a Merguez and Tripe Stew with a baked egg and crusty grilled bread, topped with a healthy sprinkle of Parmesan (\$13). The Harrison, 355 Greenwich St., 212-274-9310 O CINDY AUGUSTINE

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▶ Tomorrow marks our new favorite holiday (besides Christmas, of course) ▶ Make like Jimmy Buffet with one of these sippers

Quirida

- 1.5 oz. of Qui Tequila ■ .5 oz. orange-flavored liqueur
- 1 oz. fresh tamarind puree 3 sprigs of mint
- Splash of fresh lemon and lime

Directions: Break the mint to release the oils. Put all ingredients in a shaker and shake vigorously. Serve over ice in a short glass garnished with a sprig of mint.

Elevated Margarita 2 parts Avion Silver or

- Reposado
- 1 part fresh lime juice
 ½ part agave nectar
 Directions: Combine
- ingredients in shaker with ice and strain vigorously. Fine strain over fresh ice. Garnish with a lime wheel.

Midori Mambo

🕨 1 oz. Midori Melon



Get your fix

Tomorrow, **Spice Market** is getting in on the holiday with half-priced ginger margaritas at \$24 per pitcher. Your glass comes rimmed with ginger salt! **403 W. 13th St., 212-675-2322**

Liqueur

▶ 1½ oz. Cabo Wabo Blanco Tequila



▶ 1 ½ oz. coconut cream ▶ ½ oz. fresh-squeezed organic lime juice

Directions: Shake with ice and strain into an ice-filled rocks glass. Garnish with toasted shredded coconut.

Thai Basil Cucumber Peligroso Margarita

- ▶ 1.5-2 oz. Peligroso Silver ▶ 2 oz. agave nectar or simple syrup
- 2 limes, squeezed
- ▶ 1 cucumber
- Thai basil



▶ Splash of ginger ale ▶ Pinch of black pepper **Directions:** Combine Thai basil and two slices of cucumber in a shaker and muddle with the agave nectar or simple syrup. Add the fresh lime juice and tequila with ice. Shake vigorously and pour over the ice rocks. Add ginger ale. Garnish with a cucumber slice on the side

with a sprig of basil and top

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with black pepper.



Academy Awards

Best bets for Oscars night

Whether you're watching out on the town or at home, here's how to eat and drink like a stargazer this Sunday.

► KTCHN Restaurant, 508 W. 42nd St., 212-868-2999

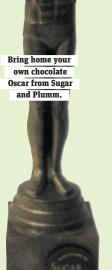
Join executive chef Dave Schnell for an Oscars viewing party based upon the first-ever Academy Awards Ceremony in 1929. Enjoy food and drinks inspired by the menu at the very first Oscars dinner, and fill out a prediction ballot for the chance to win prizes. Catch the red carpet and ceremony on a 120-inch screen beginning at 7 p.m.

Reservations required.

Nitehawk Cinema, 136 Metropolitan Ave., Brooklyn, 718-384-3980 Williamsburg's indie movie house and eatery hosts a screening featuring its annual Oscar menu inspired by acclaimed films of the past year. We'd go straight for dessert and order the "Silver Linings Playbook" – Philly-style "kandy kakes" with a Victory Prima Pils.

Tacombi, 267 Elizabeth St., 917-727-0179 The taqueria will project





the awards on two large screens, one in the front of the house and one in the back, so everyone gets to see. Chef Luis Aguilar will be mixing Passion-Fruit Champagne Cocktails for the ceremony.

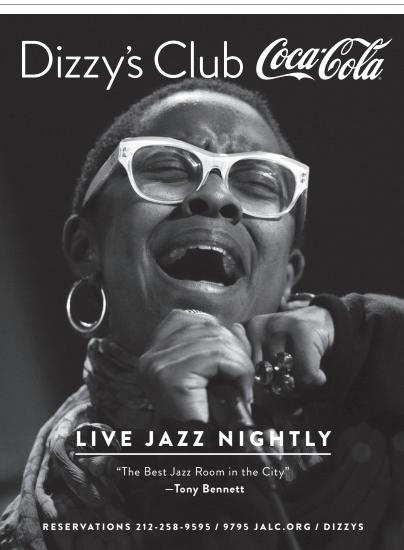
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Sample a specialty cocktail designed just for Oscar night. We'd try the Honest Abe "Lincoln," which includes orange bitters, soda and applejack.

Take-out options: ➤ Sugar and Plumm, 377 Amsterdam Ave., 212-787-8778

Snap up a hand-crafted chocolate Oscar at this bistro, bakery and chocolatier. They come in three varieties: milk chocolate, gold dark chocolate and dark chocolate, and make a perfect gift or party favor.

▶ Epicerie Boulud, 1900 Broadway, 212-595-9606 A specialized Oscar-night catering menu can take the pressure off busy viewing party hosts. Place orders by Saturday evening for hot and cold trays and Hollywood-themed sweets. ▶ NATALIE SHURE



drinks&listings

Monday: Sixpoint Strong

Ale Ataraxia launch at The

"I love great art, and I love

Modern (9 W. 53rd St.)

strong ales. And beer is

Tuesday: Applewood

Co. (501 11th St., 7 p.m.) "Digging into the tasty in-

beer dinner with Kelso Beer

gredients that tie together

great artisan beer with an

amazing farm-to-brewery-

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► Wednesday: Brewer's

Varick St., 6 p.m., \$60)

Choice at City Winery (155

"This is a remarkable op-

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art, after all!'

Top picks for New York City Beer Week

• We enlisted Jeremy Cowan, the president of the NYC Brewers Guild and the proprietor of Shmaltz Brewing Company, to give us his list of can't-miss events • See you at the aPORKalypse



these incredible flavors, paired with foods from some of the best chefs in New York City.'

Thursday, Feb. 28: Shmaltz Funky Jewbelation 2013 at Barcade (388 Union Ave., Brooklyn, 6 p.m.)

"How can you go wrong combining arcade games, the NYC Backgammon Guild and a slew of special Shmaltz Brewing releases, including our new Funky Jewbelation — a blend of six barrel-aged ales and lagers?

Saturday, March 2: The 2nd annual aPORKalypse Now Local Beer and Pork Festival (5-14 51st Avenue, Long Island City, noon-10 p.m., \$40)

"I can't wait to show off our rare cask of Coney Island Human Blockhead

and check out all the other extra special pairings.'

NYC Beer Week kicks off tomorrow and goes until March 3. For the full list of events, visit www.newyork citybrewersguild.com.

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Songza the movies

Some of the most memorable songs ever were written for movies. The songs that have won the Oscar for Best Original Song are all on the playlist at www.songza.com/ listen/oscar-winningsongs-songza. It's the perfect playlist for your Oscars party. Have your guests guess the years of obscure tunes like "Buttons And Bows" by Bob Hope and famous songs like "Over The Rainbow" by Judy Garland.

- **Songza** is a streaming platform that mines years of music history and today's music blogs for the best gems, so you don't have to. The company, which calls itself a music concierge service, offers thousands of expertly-curated playlists for free on the Web, iPhone and iPad. Each week Metro teams up with Songza to bring you fun new playlists as you enter into the weekend.

The rundown

MUSIC

Tibet House Benefit Tonight, 7:30 Carnegie Hall, 881 Seventh Ave., \$475 The 23rd installment is curated by composer Philip Glass and features tUnEyArDs, beatboxer Rahzel, Patti Smith and her band, L.A.-based lo-fi pop artist Ariel Pink, Tenzin Choegyal, Ira Glass and My Morning Jacket's Jim James. It's a

Tamaryn with Azar Swan and Ex Cops Tonight, 8 Music Hall of Williamsburg,

steep price tag, but an un-

forgettable experience and

excellent cause. MINDY BOND

66 N. Sixth St., \$13 Tamaryn's dreamy, lushly dark "Tender New Signs was a sleeper hit record of 2012. Tonight, she brings her darkness to the Music Hall, supported by one of the most exciting New York bands right now, Azar Swan. RUSS MARSHALEK

K-Holes with Acid Baby Jesus Saturday, 8 p.m., Cake Shop, 152 Ludlow St., \$8 Dirty garage rock from Brooklyn meets its Greek counterpart when the K-Holes play host to Acid Baby Jesus. JASON DIAMOND

The Sway Machinery Saturday, 8 p.m., The Paper Box, 17 Meadow St., Brooklyn, \$10 The Sway Machinery's live

lineup changes from show to show, sometimes boasting members of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Arcade Fire. Beirut and many of today's most popular groups. Every show is high energy, but they especially bring it for big holiday shows like this one on Purim. JD

ART

Marcel Proust's 'Swann's Way' Now through April 28, The Morgan Library, 225 Madison Ave., \$15 To celebrate the centennial of the first of seven "In Search of Lost Times" volumes, The Morgan is



showcasing several of the author's notebooks, preliminary drafts and galleys from the Bibliotheque Nationale de France. Grab your tea and madeleines, and get ready

for some Proust! JD

THEATER

The New Group presents 'Clive' Through March 9,

The Acorn Theatre, 410 W. 42 St., \$61.25 That Jonathan Marc Sherman's "Clive" is an unapologetic rip-off of Bertolt Brecht is reason enough to go. The over-the-top sleaze is loudly, garishly Brechtian. But it is Ethan Hawke's Clive who makes this rocker's slow fall indelible. Silverhaired, tattooed and sloppy, his performance is never excessive. PATRICIA CONTINO

'Koch' Through tonight, Angelika Film Center, 18 W. Houston St., \$13.50 With Ed Koch's passing, "Koch" now doubles as a eulogy to one of our most charismatic mayors. His reign was marked by a transit strike, the redevelopment of Times Square, the waxing AIDS epidemic, the rebuilding of the Bronx and a final term riddled with scandal. A must-see for NYC. MB

RECREATION

House of Vans Open Skate Wednesdays until Feb. 27, 7 p.m., House of Vans, 25 Franklin St., Greenpoint, House of Vans is opening its bia, beautiful complex every winter Wednesday until the weather warms so you can get your skate on. Gather with friends, eat pizza, gulp Vitamin Water or take in some open mic musical entertainment in the space's VIP lounge, MB



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NFL COMBINE TIME

● Giants, Jets head to Indianapolis for annual poking, prodding of college stars ● Gang Green faces rebuild, while Giants add depth ● Metro breaks it all down

The annual meat market known as the NFL Combine starts today. It has always been the top place for talent evaluators to break down the top prospects in the upcoming draft. It's more than just the 40-yard dash, as players are interviewed, tested and accurately measured as opposed to their inflated roster stats.

Both the Jets and Giants have some holes to fill in the draft. Metro takes a look at the three biggest positional needs on each squad and a few players they could target in the draft. Be sure to keep an eye on them over the weekend in Indianapolis.





Jets begin with rebuilding job

There's a lot of rebuilding work to be done with the Jets on both side of the ball, and their draft day could be flipped on its end if they add more draft picks by trading away their star Darrelle Revis.

And no, we are not going with quarterback as a need. We still live in a world where Mark Sanchez is owed \$8.25 million in 2013.

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Linebacker

With likely three of their four starting linebackers likely gone, the team's 3-4 defense needs help.

Round 1: Jarvis Jones (Georgia) — This is the name most linked with the Jets. He's a strong and sure tackler but can play a bit slow.

Round 2-3: Khaseem Greene (Rutgers) — He's one of the faster backers in the draft and good against the pass and run.



Safety

LaRon Landry is coming off a Pro Bowl season, but might be too pricey for the Jets to keep.

Round 1: Eric Reid (LSU)

— He has good size and could fit the Jets defense if they decide to trade back from No. 9 to later in the first round.

Round 2-3: Tony

Jefferson (Oklahoma) —

Round 2-3: Tony Jefferson (Oklahoma) — He isn't big but he's a solid safety and a smart football player.



Running back With Sanchez at QB. b

With Sanchez at QB, bolstering the offense with a good running game is the way to go.

Round 1: Giovani Bernard (UNC) — His low center of gravity and build is reminiscent of Ravens running back Ray Rice.

Round 2-3: Andre Ellington (Clemson) — The burner will be in demand because he might run a 4.4 40-yard dash.



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Giants facing important draft

A year after failing to defend their Super Bowl title by missing the playoffs entirely, the Giants need to add depth after a year of injury



Cornerback

The Giants had a weak secondary last year, tied for the NFL high with 8.1 yards per pass attempt.

Round 1: Jonathan Banks (Miss. St.) — He possesses the ideal size to play the position at the next level and he's a good tackler in the box. Round 2-3: Robert Alford (Southeast La.) — No, he is not as physically strong or impressive as Banks but he is fast and covers a lot of turf. Round 4-7: Blidi Wreh-Wilson (UConn) — He has struggled with consistency but has tremendous physical tools.



struggles.

The Giants are unlikely to do much on the free agent market, because they have so many of their own players to worry about re-signing. That makes the draft especially critical. METRO/KD



► Offensive line

The aging Giants could use an infusion of youth anywhere along the offensive line.

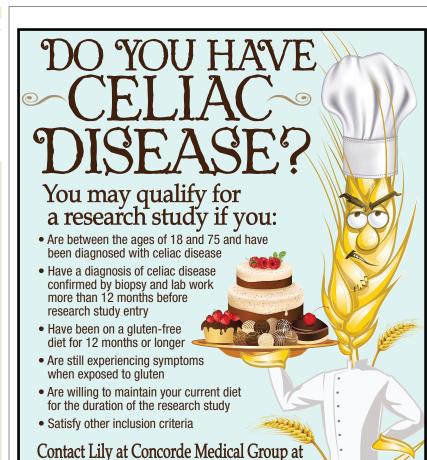
Round 1: D.J. Fluker (Alabama) - Fluker was part of the offensive line that powered the Tide to consecutive national championships. Round 2-3: Terron Armstead (Ark.-Pine Bluff) — He has great measurables and could become an ideal downfield blocker. Round 4-7: Reid Fragel (Ohio St.) — He has room to grow on his frame but is a sound

player with great feet.



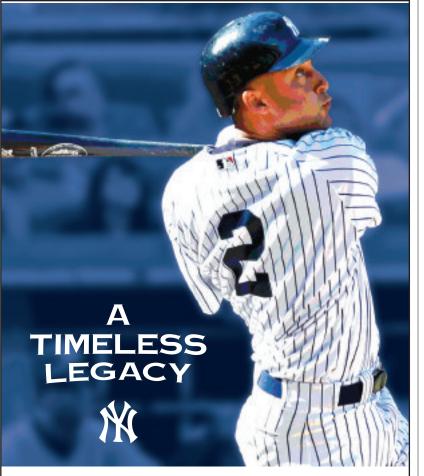
➤ Tight end
With Martellus Bennett
testing free agency, they
could use a tight end
who can catch and block.

Round 1: Tyler Eifert (Notre Dame) — No question Eifert would be a dream fit for the Giants, He's an underrated blocker too. Round 2-3: Travis Kelce (Cincinnati) — He is a well-rounded tight end from a school that is producing NFL-caliber players at the position. Round 4-7: Nick Kasa (Colorado) — Kasa played defensive end until 2012 but made a solid transition as a senior.



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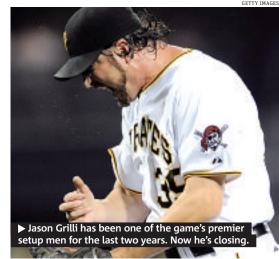


It's easy to throw out empty fantasy cliches like "wait on a quarterback" and "don't pay for saves." Executing the plan takes some more work.

Last season, guys like Jim Johnson, Fernando Rodney and Rafael Soriano came out of nowhere to rank 1-2-3 in total saves. This year won't be much different at the game's most volatile position. Some candidates to circle for the middle-tolate rounds of drafts:

Fire Grilli

The Pirates weren't will-



ing to pay Joel Hanrahan, so they shipped him to Boston. It was an easy decision because they have Jason Grilli to step in as closer right away. He's racked up 12.5 strikeouts per nine innings over the last two years while posting a sub-3.00 ERA.

Taking Perks

Glen Perkins is a former first-round pick that took a winding path to where he is now — locked in to the closer's job with plenty of leash in his age-30 season. The

biggest concern is that the Twins aren't going to win a lot of games, thus capping save chances. Still, his ERA and WHIP will be elite.

From the East

Don't waste a pick on **Carlos Marmol**. Although he'll likely enter the season as the Cubs' closer once again, his leash is going to be very short. **Kyuji Fujikawa**, the best reliever in Japan over the last six years, has been brought in for support. He's a strong flier.

New York Yankees

Hughes put on the shelf with bulging disc

The Yankees have amended the news Tuesday that Phil Hughes would miss a couple days with upper-back stiffness—and it's not for the better.

General manager Brian Cashman said yesterday morning that Hughes has been diagnosed with a bulging disc in his upper back and will be shut down for as much as two weeks. He will be given anti-inflammatories, and the team will reassess the injury after about a week.

"Just with how I've been progressing the last couple of days, I feel like I'll get through these anti-inflammatories and I'll be symptom free in the next four or five days



► Hughes was strong in the postseason last year, going 9 2/3 innings with a 1.86 ERA and nine strikeouts.

Phil Hughes has made three extended stays on the DL (2007, 2008, 2011) in his brief six-year career.

and we'll get going from there," Hughes told reporters in camp yesterday morning.

Hughes did not seem concerned, though Cashman indicated the Yankees would be conservative with the injury.

Hughes was expected to fit into the No. 4 spot in the rotation after a bounce-back 2012 campaign. He finished with a 16-13 record and 4.23 ERA in 191 1/3 innings.

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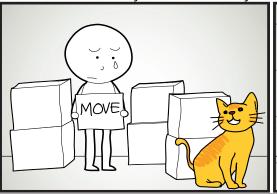
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